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Live/Work Ordinance Approved by City Council

San Diego – The City Council unanimously approved the expansion of the Live/Work Ordinance that will increase housing options for San Diegans.

With a growing population and a county median home purchase price exceeding \$500,000 and an average home rental price exceeding \$1,800 per month, more families are finding it increasingly difficult to find affordable housing in the region.

In March, the City Council approved the original ordinance which expanded live/work to three zones: Commercial Community (CC), Commercial Neighborhood (CN), and Commercial Regional (CR).

At the meeting, Councilmember Sherman urged additional amendments to further provide housing alternatives within the work space to create more housing opportunities in underutilized existing commercial and industrial buildings.

“While this is a small step forward, it is a positive step. However, it is important that the City Council continues to take action that increases the opportunity for housing options at all income levels,” said Councilmember Sherman. “Live/work units are a good example of making it easier and cheaper for people to live and work in San Diego.”

The following amendments to the original live/work ordinance were as follows:

- Use is being expanded to two additional zones; CO-1 and CV-1
- Use is prohibited in the CV-1 zone within the Coastal Overlay Zone
- Minimum floor area reduces from 750 square feet to 500 square feet
- Residential floor area increased from 33 percent to 49 percent
- Use is no longer limited to an artist or artisan
- Commercial uses offices, and employees will be allowed
- No additional parking is required

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